REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed February 26, 2003. Claims 50-82 are currently pending in the present application. More specifically, claims 2-6, 9-13, 15, 27-29, and 42-49 have been cancelled, and claims 50-82 have been newly added. It is believed that the new claims add no new matter to the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Applicants have cancelled claims 2-6, 9-13, 15, 27-29, and 42-49 to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these cancelled claims in a continuing application, if Applicants so choose, and do not intend to dedicate any of the cancelled subject matter to the public.

In light of the foregoing remarks and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 50-82 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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